Proposals for electrification of villages in Madhya Pradesh

†680. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh Government has forwarded proposals to the Ministry for electrification of 185 villages, located in inaccessible and forest areas;

(b) if so, the present status of these proposals;

(c) by when these proposals would be cleared;

(d) whether this work is being done on priority, keeping in view the sufferings of forest dwellers and tribes for want of electricity; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NEW AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (e) Yes Sir. Out of these, proposals for 116 villages were submitted by 2004-05. The Ministry sanctioned financial support for electrification of 48 of these villages. However, projects in 18 villages were later cancelled by Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Ltd. (MPUVN). From 2005-06 onwards, it was decided to provide financial support under the Remote Village Electrification Programme for only those villages which are identified by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for unfeasibility of electrification through grid connectivity. Proposals complete in all respects for electrification of 150 such REC identified villages, received from MPUVN have been approved by the Ministry for financial support. The work has been taken up on priority basis by MPUVN and so far it has been completed in 70 villages.

NSPCL's power plant in Purena

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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a 500 MW power plant of NTPC-SAIL Power Company Ltd. (NSPCL) a joint venture of NTPC and SAIL, is ready in Purena in Chhattisgarh and it is scheduled to start power generation from March, 2008;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the State Government is not providing water for this project;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the said project would start power generation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) 2 x 250 MW Captive Power Plant of NTPC-SAIL Power Company Pvt. Ltd. (NSPCL), a joint venture of NTPC and SAIL on 50:50 basis, located in Purena, District Durg is presently under execution and all out efforts are being made by NSPCL to start power generation from its 1st 250 MW Unit during 2007-08.

(b) No, Sir. Before the project investment approval, NSPCL had received in-principal approval for 1 Trillion Cubic Metre (TCM) per year water availability from the Government

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